



## 2019 RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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Classic Cabernet  
Sauvignon at its best

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Varietal Composition:  
Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation:  
Paso Robles

**Bottling Data:**  
pH: 3.50

Total Acidity: 0.66g/100mL

Alcohol: 15.0% by volume

### Philosophy

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The 2019 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is one of the best Paso Robles Cabernets available. Crafted from the same quality fruit as our flagship ISOSCELES blend, and made of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, this wine is a Cabernet lover's dream. This wine is bold and complex with ripe black fruit, sweet spice and that classic Cabernet mix of savory and herbal character. Its structural texture keeps this wine balanced and fresh from its beginning through its very long, complex finish. It's drinking well on release, but don't hesitate to hold it for a few years or even a decade to see how it evolves... if you can wait. There is plenty there to enjoy for a long while.

### Vintage Notes

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2019 started with a cool winter with normal precipitation, breaking the dry trend of the previous six years. Spring was wet and cool with bud break coming a few weeks later than usual. Flowering progressed normally with minimal shatter occurring in a few blocks. June was dry with the first real warming trend beginning toward the end of the month. July started warm, showing the typical Paso Robles pattern of hot days and cold nights, but cooler weather toward the end of the month delayed veraison by a few weeks. Mid-August warmed again and stayed that way through September and early October with the usual Paso Robles cold fall nights, which preserves natural acidity in the fruit, as we harvested our cabernet sauvignon blocks with balanced ripeness and maturity through October and into early November.

### Vinification

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**Fermentation:** Stainless steel open & closed top tanks with UV43 yeast, twice daily pump overs.

**Maturation:** Barrel aged for 21 months in 100% French oak (50% new)

### Tasting Notes by *Jim Gerakaris, CWE - JUSTIN Winery Sommelier*

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**Appearance:** Clear and bright with an opaque, blackish core and medium ruby/purple rim, with slow, thick, well stained tears on the glass.

**Aroma:** Very aromatic with rich, ripe black fruit, crème de cassis, and boysenberry, with oak, vanilla, sweet tobacco, chocolate, leather, and cedar notes.

**Palate:** Dry, full, and rich on the palate, with bold, ripe black cherry, black currant, and mixed blackberry fruit on the entry, joined by oak and vanilla, sweet tobacco, leather, dark chocolate, and roasted coffee on the midpalate, matched with big chewy tannins going into a fresh finish with sustained fruit and spice notes. Big and bold, the 2019 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is a Cabernet lover's wine that is great with a steak fresh off the grill or a deluxe burger. For a treat, try it with a piece of molten chocolate cake.